

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 15 are pending in the application. In the above-identified Office Action, Claims 1 – 15 were subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner held that the apparatus of Claims 1 – 7 was distinct from the method of Claims 8 – 15 because the apparatus as claimed could be assembled by another and material different process. Specifically, the apparatus as claimed could be made by a process in which the circuit card assemblies are not stacked.

Applicants have amended Claim 8 to be consistent with Claim 1, such that the circuit card assemblies are placed in the housing in a spaced apart, but not necessarily stacked, configuration. Applicant submits that this amendment obviates the grounds for restriction, and requests that the restriction requirement be removed.

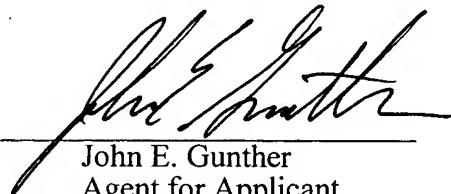
This Amendment was discussed in a brief telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Troy Chambers on September 1, 2004.

In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained, applicant elects the apparatus of Claims 1 – 7.

Examination, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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